SENATE BILL 5981

State of Washington 63rd Legislature 2014 Regular Session

By Senators Sheldon, Kline, Hewitt, and Dammeier; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the number of superior court judges 2 in Mason county; amending RCW 2.08.065; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.065 and 2007 c 95 s 1 are each amended to read as 5 follows:

There shall be in the county of Grant, three judges of the superior 6 7 court; in the county of Okanogan, two judges of the superior court; in the county of Mason, ((two)) three judges of the superior court; in the 8 9 county of Thurston, eight judges of the superior court; in the counties 10 of Pacific and Wahkiakum jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens jointly, two judges of 11 12 the superior court; in the county of San Juan, one judge of the 13 superior court; and in the county of Island, two judges of the superior 14 court.

15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. The additional judicial position created by 16 section 1 of this act in Mason county becomes effective only if the 17 county, through its duly constituted legislative authority, documents

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1 its approval of the additional position and its agreement that it will 2 pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state, the 3 expenses of the additional judicial position as provided by statute.

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